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For : LANCET HAVING ADJUSTABLE PENETRATION DEPTH

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 16, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2004, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until December 9, 2004.

Applicant notes that this response is being filed by the initial due date for response whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time is required, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 34 of this paper.